

October 7, 2008

TO: Members of the Transportation Policy Committee

FROM: Mayor Steve Berman, Gilbert, Chair

SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF MEETING AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Meeting - 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 15, 2008
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room
302 N. First Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the Transportation Policy Committee is scheduled for the time and place noted above. Members of the Committee may attend the meeting either in person, by videoconference, or by telephone conference call. As was discussed at the first meeting of the Committee, proxies would not be allowed. Members who are not able to attend the meeting are encouraged to submit their comments in writing, so that their view would always be a part of the process.

For those attending in person, please park in the garage under the building. Bring your ticket to the meeting, parking will be validated. For those using transit, the Regional Public Transportation Authority will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.

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Refreshments and a light snack will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Eric Anderson, MAG Transportation Director, or Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, at (602) 254-6300.

c: MAG Regional Council
MAG Management Committee

**TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE
TENTATIVE AGENDA
October 15, 2008**

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

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| <p>1. <u>Call to Order</u></p> | |
| <p>2. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u></p> | |
| <p>3. <u>Call to the Audience</u></p> <p>An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Transportation Policy Committee on items not scheduled on the agenda that fall under the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Transportation Policy Committee requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on agenda items posted for action will be provided the opportunity at the time the item is heard.</p> | <p>3. Information.</p> |
| <p>4. <u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u></p> <p>Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Committee members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk (*).</p> | <p>4. Recommend approval of the Consent Agenda.</p> |

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*

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| <p>*4A. <u>Approval of the July 16, 2008, Meeting Minutes</u></p> | <p>4A. Review and approval of the July 16, 2008, meeting minutes.</p> |
| <p>*4B. <u>Project Changes: Amendments and Administrative Modifications to the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and the FY 2009 Arterial Life Cycle Program</u></p> <p>The FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was approved by</p> | <p>4B. Recommend approval of amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program, the FY 2009 Arterial Life Cycle Program, and as appropriate, to the Regional Transportation Plan 2007 Update, as shown in the attached table.</p> |

the MAG Regional Council on July 25, 2007 and the FY 2009 Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) was approved by the MAG Regional Council on June 25, 2008. Since that time, there have been requests from member agencies to modify projects in the programs. The proposed project changes to the FY 2008-2012 TIP are listed in the attached Table. The proposed amendment includes three projects funded by the Federal Safe Routes to School Program in Avondale, Gilbert, and Phoenix and a Federal High Priority Project in Scottsdale. The requested project changes include funding and schedule changes to Arizona Department of Transportation projects on Loop 303. The attachment also explains the ALCP project changes requests by Fountain Hills and Scottsdale to modify regional costs for project work phases. The amendment includes projects that may be categorized as exempt from a conformity determination and the administrative modification includes minor project revisions that do not require a conformity determination. The Transportation Review Committee (TRC) recommended approval of project changes in the attached table on September 25, 2008, with the exclusion of three Scottsdale projects (SCT04-009, SCT08-928, and SCT09-924) that MAG was made aware of following the TRC meeting. On October 8, 2008, the Management Committee recommended approval of project changes in the attached table. Please refer to the enclosed material.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

5. Transportation Planning Update

In 2002, the Regional Council formed the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) with specific responsibilities to make recommendations to the Regional Council regarding the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The role of the TPC was subsequently placed into state law. The RTP was developed by the TPC and recommended to the Regional Council on September 17, 2003. The Regional Council approved the RTP and Certification of the Plan to the Legislature and Governor on November 25, 2003. In November 2004, the voters of Maricopa County

5. Information and discussion.

approved Proposition 400 to implement the Plan. Five years have passed since the recommendation of the TPC to approve the Plan. MAG has several statutory responsibilities regarding the RTP, including making amendments to the RTP, providing fiscal oversight and setting priorities for the Regional Freeway Program. State law also requires that costs and revenues be in balance over the life of the tax. To ensure that the assumptions regarding costs and revenues are up to date, the Arizona Department of Transportation annually conducts expert panel discussions. These have recently been completed and a report will be provided by staff regarding the decline in revenues and increasing costs that are impacting the program. The TPC has the statutory responsibility to make recommendations concerning the Regional Transportation Plan and project priorities to the Regional Council. A discussion of the possible options and strategies will be held to provide policy guidance for the development of scenarios to balance the revenues and costs for the freeway program.

6. 2008 Annual Report on the Status of the Implementation of Proposition 400

Arizona Revised Statute 28-6354 requires that MAG issue an annual report on the status of projects funded by the half-cent sales tax authorized by Proposition 400. The 2008 Annual Report is the fourth report in this series. Staff will brief the Committee on the findings of the 2008 report, including the status of the Life Cycle Programs for Freeways/Highways, Arterial Streets, and Transit. A Summary of Findings and Issues has been enclosed and the full report is available on the MAG website. Please refer to the enclosed material.

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